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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kevin Michael Ruppelt et al.  
Serial No.: 09/480,344  
Filed: January 10, 2000  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR PRODUCT SELECTION  
ASSISTANCE

Art Unit: 3625  
Examiner: Smith, Jeffrey A.

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TRANSMITTAL

- Transmitted herewith is:
  - Amendment Transmittal which includes Certificate of Express Mail (3 pages, *in duplicate*)
  - Amendment in response to final Office Action dated April 7, 2006 (22 pages)
  - Return Receipt Postcard

STATUS

- Applicant
  - ☐ claims small entity status.
  - ☒ is other than a small entity.

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

| Extension for response within: | Other than small entity Fee | Small entity Fee (if applicable) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| _____ first month              | \$ 120.00                   | \$ 60.00                         |
| _____ second month             | \$ 450.00                   | \$ 225.00                        |
| _____ third month              | \$ 1,020.00                 | \$ 510.00                        |
| _____ fourth month             | \$1,590.00                  | \$ 795.00                        |
| _____ fifth month              | \$2,160.00                  | \$1,080.00                       |

Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$\_\_\_\_\_

OR

- (b)   X   Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

|   | (Col. 1)                                  |       | (Col. 2)                              | (Col. 3)         | SMALL ENTITY               |    | OTHER THAN<br>SMALL ENTITY |
|---|---|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----|----------------------------|
|   | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA | ADDITIONAL<br>RATE FEE     | OR | ADDITIONAL<br>RATE FEE     |
| TOTAL<br>INDEP.                             |   | MINUS |                                       | =                | x \$25.00 = \$             |    | x \$50.00 = \$             |
|   |   | MINUS |                                       | =                | x \$100.00 = \$            |    | x \$200.00 = \$            |
| — FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM |   |       |                                       |                  | + \$180.00 = \$            |    | + \$360.00 = \$            |
|   |   |       |                                       |                  | TOTAL ADDITIONAL<br>FEE \$ | OR | TOTAL ADDITIONAL<br>FEE \$ |

- (a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

- (b) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. ☐ Other:

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.